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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF UNFICYP MANDATE

1. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH TURKISH AMB. ESENBEL AND
GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES (STATE AND USUN SEPTELS) SUGGEST
THAT ANOTHER HEATED DEBATE IS PROBABLE DURING DECEMBER 14
SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF UNFICYP MANDATE RENEWAL.
GREEK CYPRIOTS APPARENTLY INTEND TO INTRODUCE ISSUES OF
TURKISH PROBING IN BUFFER ZONE AND CONTINUING EXPULSIONS
OF GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM NORTH. WE EXPECT THEY WILL ALSO
SEEK INCLUSION OF REFERENCES TO LAST MONTH'S UNGA RESOLU-
TION A/31/12. TURKS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THEY WILL OPPOSE
STRONGLY INTRODUCTION INTO DEBATE OF ISSUES NOT DIRECTLY
BEARING UPON PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF MANDATE RENEWAL.
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2. MISSION SHOULD BE GUIDED IN ITS CONSULTATIONS AS
FOLLOWS:

-- WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT STRONGLY THE PRESENCE OF UNFICYP
AS AN ESSENTIAL PRE-CONDITION FOR PROGRESS TOWARD A
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

-- UNGA HAS ALREADY CONSIDERED CYPRUS PROBLEM EXTENSIVELY

AND WE THEREFORE PREFER TO HAVE SC DEBATE LIMITED TO
QUESTION OF RENEWAL ALONE.

-- WE HOPE SC RESOLUTION WILL BE BALANCED AND ACCEPTABLE
TO BOTH SIDES.

3. MISSION SHOULD MAKE STATEMENT AFTER THE
VOTE ON RENEWAL OF MANDATE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

BEGIN TEXT

THE COUNCIL'S RENEWAL TODAY OF THE UNFICYP MANDATE
UNDERScores WHAT WE BELIEVE IS A COMMONLY SHARED CONCERN
FOR MAINTAINING THE STABILITY INDISPENSABLE TO A NEGO-
TIATED SETTLEMENT AND LASTING PEACE IN CYPRUS. THE
COUNCIL'S VOTE REPRESENTS AS WELL AN EXPRESSION OF CON-
TINUED CONFIDENCE IN UNFICYP'S PERFORMANCE OF ITS
IMPORTANT TASK.

I WISH TO REAFFIRM THE CONTINUING STRONG MORAL AND
MATERIAL SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR UNFICYP. THE
NATIONS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TROOPS TO UNFICYP MERIT
SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS, HAVING DEMONSTRATED BY CONCRETE
ACTION THEIR COMMITMENT TO AVOIDING A RESUMPTION OF ARMED
CONFLICT AND HUMAN SUFFERING ON THAT STRIFE-TORN ISLAND.
WE WISH TO THANK ALSO THE MANY NATIONS WHO HAVE CONTRI-
BUTED FINANCIAL OR OTHER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH HAS
ENABLED UNFICYP TO CONTINUE ITS VITAL MISSION. WE WOULD
URGE OTHER NATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO -- PARTICU-
LARLY PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL -- TO
DEMONSTRATE THEIR CONCERN FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE
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IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN BY LENDING THEIR MATERIAL
SUPPORT TO UNFICYP. WE BELIEVE ALL NATIONS MATERIALLY
ABLE TO DO SO SHOULD WILLINGLY SHARE IN MEETING THEIR
OBLIGATION UNDER THE UN CHARTER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

THE RENEWAL OF UNFICYP'S MANDATE IS CONCRETE TESTI-
MONY OF RESPONSIBLE INTERNATIONAL ACTION. HOWEVER, THE

CONTINUING NEED FOR A PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS ALL
TOO OBVIOUSLY POINTS UP THE TRAGIC REALITY THAT TRUE
PEACE AND STABILITY HAVE PROVED UNATTAINABLE THERE FOR
MORE THAN A DECADE. THEREFORE, WHILE COMMENDING UNFICYP
AND EXPRESSING ADMIRATION FOR THE EXEMPLARY CONDUCT OF
ITS OFFICERS AND MEN, WE ALSO WISH TO VOICE OUR HOPE THAT
THE PARTIES TO THE CYPRUS DISPUTE WILL MAKE RENEWED EFFORTS
TO NEGOTIATE A LASTING SETTLEMENT THAT WILL REMOVE THE
NECESSITY FOR THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF UN SOLDIERS ON
THE ISLAND. END TEXT. ROBINSON

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